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Dear Maxine,

You will be no glad to know that our liquid scintillation counter (Nuclear Chicago) ^(has arrived) and it is working satisfactorily. We have also received a gas flow counting system (Nuclear Chicago). Now our counting problems are solved. We have also been able to detect the presence of RNase III in the wash fluid ($0.25 M \text{ HgCl}$) of ribosomes. By DEAE column RNase III seems to be free from both RNase I and RNase II. We want to purify it to carry out further studies. But we are running out of Poly I. Poly C which we are using as substrate. Miles won't send any till we pay. That means, at least 6 months. Will you kindly help us out? Please send it packed nicely in wadding paper in an ordinary air mail envelope so that it reaches us in shortest possible time. Otherwise the material will be lost due to Delhi heat.

Now, about the most uncertain situation. You must be mad with me for not telling much about my visit. I am writing this personal letter for clarifying the situation: The only deceiver of this Deptt (whom ^{you} might remember sitting in front of Mahavani's room) is determined to drive me out of this University. His only qualification is that he is a local man (hence provincialism is at its peak!). As you are aware, there is a Reader's post in the Deptt (next to mine) which Mahavani applied for. That chap was also an applicant but since his qualifications were not up to the mark he approached the Vice Chancellor with false complaints against me. All those were eventually proved to be false. The post has again been advertised (in our country there is a peculiar system of selection) and I am hoping against hope that the selection will be over by early part of June. If the selection is not

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over and I leave the country. I have to hand over the charges to him (as he is the next senior man). That means he will create lot of nuisance and I may find myself in a precarious situation after my return to the country. I have spent untiring 6^½ years in building this depot ~~but~~ and now we are in a position to do some good work. Naturally I do not want to do anything which will force me to leave this laboratory ^{country} ~~and the~~.

Maxine, I hope, you will kindly understand the situation. This selection was supposed to be over by ~~but~~ the end of last year but as ill luck would have it everything was postponed. Now the question of my trip and the time is so short that I don't know whether selection could be made by early part of June. If I am lucky enough then the trip will be as planned but otherwise, I do not know what to do. I hope, you will kindly excuse me for this uncertainty. As you can understand, it is a life and death problem for me. I love the laboratory & the depot of my heart, I ~~want~~ to do research which I really enjoy. I sincerely hope, everything will be O. K. With kindest regards, yours truly

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